I.C.P.O. Calendar

15-23 December 2005

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I.C.P.O. Calendar (Dec 15 - Dec 23, 2005)
Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year).
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15/12/2005: Tibi, HA7TM, will be active as 6W/HA7TM from the QTH of 6W7RV located in Le Caola, Senegal, December 15-22nd. Activity will be HF, mainly CW and SSB, possibly RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx NG3K]

15/12/2005: Jean-Paul F5BU (ex FT5WJ on Crozet Island) is going to stay at Dumont d'Urville station (WAP FRA-01), Petrel Island (IOTA AN-017), Adelie Land, Wilkes Land, for a few days. His schedule has changed and must leave Adelie Land quickly. He will be signing FT5YH. He hopes to be active in his free time on 20 meter SSB and is actually asking for a callsign like FT5YH. The QSLs will be printed a few weeks after his return and will be available via his home call F5BU. [Tnx F5NQL]

15/12/2005: Dick, K2ZR will be operating as K2ZR/4 from Key West (IOTA NA-062, USI FL-040S, Monroe county), Florida between December 15th and May 15th. QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [Tnx 425DXN]

15/12/2005: Alexey UA6JCC will be active until December 24th as UA6JCC/m /6 from the following locations for the Russian Districts Award (RDA) - Leskemsky area (RDA KB-11), Chereksky area (RDA KB-09), Chegemsky area (RDA KB-08), Baksansky area (RDA KB-02), Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria (KB); Predgorny area (RDA ST-33), Shpakovsky area (RDA ST-38), Mineralovodsky area (RDA ST-28) and Andropovsky area (RDA ST-14), Stavropolsky Kraj (ST). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx RX3RC]

16/12/2005: A group of operators from the Japy DX Group (PY2ENO, PY2HN, PY2MTM, PY2NI, PY2OC, PY2ZX and possibily others) will be active as homecall/PY2 from a mountain location near Salesopolis (GG76aj) December 16-18th. They plan to operate on 6 metres (as well as on 2m, 70cm and possibly 23cm). E-mail py2zx@mandic.us or py2oc@yahoo.com.br for skeds. [Tnx 425DXN]

16/12/2005: Radio Club Cancun will be active as XF3NN from Isla del Carmen (IOTA NA-135) December 16-18th. They plan to operate on 160-6 meter SSB and RTTY, with some PSK31 and Satellite. QSL via N6AWD. [Tnx 425DXN]

16/12/2005: Wim, XU7TZG, will once again activate Koh Tas Island (IOTA AS-133) and the Koh Koang Kang lighthouse (ARLHS CAB-006), Cambodia, from December 16-18th. QSL via ON4AJY (QRZ.com). [Tnx W8TTS]

16/12/2005: Operators YB8HZ, YB8FS, YB8BRI, YB8HGM and YC8AJB will be active as YB8ZC from Kodingareng Keke Island (Celebes Coastal Islands, IOTA OC-236) December 16-18th. Activity will be on 80, 40, 20 and 15 meter SSB and CW. QSL via YB8HZ (QRZ.com). [Tnx rsgbiota.org]

17/12/2005: Look for Michael, DG5MM/p, to be active December 17th from Steling summit (SOTA DL/NW-050, 656M), North Rhine-Westfalia region. Activity will be on 40, 20 meter SSB, 2 meter SSB and FM, starting

around 11:00 UTC. QSL via home call. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

17/12/2005: Wolfgang, DH3ZK/p, will be active December 17th from the following German summits for the SOTA Award - 09:00 UTC K?nigsstein summit (SOTA DL/HE-303, 788M, WW Loc. JO40XM), Hesse region; 12:00 UTC Teufelsstein summit (SOTA DL/HE-021, 715M, WW Loc. JO40WM), Hesse region; and 14:30 UTC Heidigskuppe summit (SOTA DL/HE-298, 702M, WW Loc. JO40WM), Hesse region. Activity will be on 40 meter SSB, 2 meter SSB and FM. QSL via home call. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

17/12/2005: Matthias, DL1JMS/p, will activate Festung K?nigstein summit (SOTA DL/SX-071, 361M), Saxony region, December 17th. Activity will be on 40, 10 and 2 meter SSB, starting around 11:00 UTC. QSL via home call. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

17/12/2005: Sven, DL2GPS/p, will activate Brend summit (SOTA DL/BW-020, 1149M), Bathe Wuerttemberg region, December 17th. Activity will be on 40 meter SSB, 2 meter SSB and FM, starting around 16:00 UTC. OV A18 with DL0STG Uhrenjockele Award is possible. QSL via home call. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

17/12/2005: Dan, KD3CQ (ARLHS member #989), is planning to activate several lighthouses in the State of Maryland on December 17th. First will be the Wicomico river Entrance lighthouse (ARLHS USA-1295) and the Cobb Point Bar lighthouse (ARLHS USA-989), Charles county, Maryland, at around 15:00 UTC. He will then activate the Lower Cedar Point lighthouse (ARLHS USA-458), Charles County, Maryland, starting around 18:30 UTC. Activity will be on 40 meter SSB (7.260 +/-) and 20 meter SSB (14.270 +/-). QSL via home call, direct with SASE. [Tnx KD3CQ & ARLHS]

18/12/2005: RU3EJ (Alex) and RV3ECW (Mike) will be active December 18th as homecall /p /3 from the following locations for the Russian Districts Award (RDA) - Mtsensk City (RDA OR-06), Mtsensky area (RDA OR-20), Orlovskaya oblast (OR); Arsen'evsky area (RDA TL-15), Plavsky area (RDA TL-30) and Chernsky area (RDA TL-34), Tul'skaya oblast (TL). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [Tnx RX3RC]

18/12/2005: Look for Frank, IK4DCS/p, to be active December 18th from the Castello o Rocca Estense di Finale Emilia (DCI reference MO-007, for the Italian Castles award), Region of Emilia Romagna, Province of Modena (MO). There is the possibility that he will activate another reference on his return trip. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx IK4DCS]

21/12/2005: KV4T (Allan) and KS4YT (Bridget) will be active as homecall/p from Dauphin Island (IOTA NA-213, USI AL-002S, Mobile county), Alabama, December 21-24th. Activity will be on 40 and 17 meter CW and SSB. QSL via home calls. [Tnx rsgbiota.org]

22/12/2005: Hide, JM1LJS, plans to be QRV as KH2VL/KH0 from Saipan (IOTA OC-086), Northern Mariana Islands December 22-25th. QSL via JM1LJS (QRZ.com). [Tnx JM1LJS]

23/12/2005: 4Z4BS, 4Z4KX, 4Z5LA, 4Z5FI, 4Z1UF and 4X1VF will operate as 4X411A from the Dead Sea, the lowest exposed point on the Earth's surface. The Dead Sea is 411 meters deep at its deepest point, hence the special call issued to this operation. Activity will take place December 23-24th, with two stations on 80-10 meter CW and SSB, from Holyland squares M25BS and M26BS. QSL via 4Z4BS. [Tnx 425DXN]

23/12/2005: Eric, K9GY, will be active as C6AYM from December 23rd to January 1st. He will be on the Islands of New Providence [Nassau] (IOTA NA-001, lighthouse WLOTA LH-1115) and Paradise (IOTA NA-001). Activity will be mainly QRP CW on 40-10 meters and also 6 and 2 meters. QSL via K9GY. [Tnx OPDX]

23/12/2005: Helmut, DL7VOX, will be active as DL7VOX/p from Usedom Island (IOTA EU-129, GIA O-013 for the German Islands Award) between 23 December 23, 2005 and January 2, 2006. He will operate CW only on the HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

23/12/2005: Jean Michel, F5PRR/p, will be active December 23-26th from several French Mills. He plans to activate the Mill of Longor (DMF 55-011), commune of Pagny on Meuse (DDCF 55-28), Void Vacon (CP 55190) on December 23rd; then the Mill of Chanteraine (DMF 55-012), commune of German St on Meuse (DDCF 55-24), Vaucouleur (CP 55190) on December 24th; and finally the Mill of Villiers (DMF 55-013), commune of Aulnoy under Veruzey (DDCF 55-05), Commercy (CP 55200) on December 26th. Activity will be on 40-15 meters, including WARC bands. There is also the possibility that Jean Michel will activate the Castle of Gombervaux (DFCF 55-023). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5PRR]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

29/12/2005: Richard, GW3CWI/p, will be active December 29th from the following locations for the Summits On The Air award (SOTA) - Foel Goch summit (SOTA GW/NW-039, 611M), North Wales region, Grid Reference: SH 953423, starting 12:30 UTC; and Carnedd y Filiast summit (SOTA GW/NW-032, 669M), North Wales region, Grid Reference: SH 871446, starting 15:30 UTC. Both will be short activations on 7.030 MHz CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

30/12/2005: Richard, GW3CWI/p, will be active December 30th from the following locations for the Summits On The Air award (SOTA) - Cyrniau Nod summit (SOTA GW/NW-034, 667M), North Wales region, Grid Reference: SH 988279, starting 11:30 UTC; and Arenig Fach summit (SOTA GW/NW-027, 689M), North Wales region, Grid Reference: SH 821416, starting 15:00 UTC. Both will be short activations on 7.030 MHz CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

05/01/2006: Here is an update on the DXpedition to the Philippine Kalayaan Island, Spratly Islands (IOTA AS-051) which was originally scheduled to take place in the December 2005 time frame. The target dates are now January 5-19, with special call DX0A. 4F2KWT, Gil, says "Focus will be the low bands and targeting the East Coast of North America." Equipment will include FT1000MPs, kilowatt solid state amplifies, which will be powered by two Honda generators. They will have phased verticals. The team will also be QRV on the high bands, including WSJT on 6 meters EME. One of the ops will be N0NM DU9/N0NM), Jon, a low band expert. This one is still in the development stage. [Tnx SM7AED]

20/01/2006: Herm CT3FN and Rudi CT3/HB9CQL will be QRV January 20th to February 1st from Madeira Island (IOTA AF-014, DIP MA-001) and lighthouse (WLOTA L-0053). Activity will be on all bands and modes. On January 21st and 22nd, Herm will operate as CT3FN/p from the S?o Jorge/Rosais lighthouse (ARLHS MAD-008, also count for WLOTA LH 0053). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [Tnx DE0MST]

21/01/2006: Jose, N4BAA (KG4SB) and Bill, W4WV (KG4WV) will be active from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (IOTA NA-015), January 21-31st. Activity will be on all bands 160-6 meters. Jose (KG4SB) will also participate in the CQ 160-Meter Contest (January 28-29th), no category given. QSL via their home calls. [Tnx K1XN & the GOLIST]

28/01/2006: Alfredo, WP3C, plans to be active from Puerto Rico (IOTA NA-099) in the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 28-29th) as NP4A, a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via W3HNK. [Tnx NG3K]

21/02/2006: Sigi, DL7DF, and crew will be on a Caribbean DXpedition once again. Five experienced operators will participate: DL4WK (Wolf), DL7UFR (Frank), DL7VOA (Rob), SP3DOI (Les) and DL7DF (Sigi). Activity will be between February 21 and March 8, 2006, beginning with island of Saint Martin (FS, IOTA NA-105, DIFO FS-001) and afterwards the island of St. Maarten (PJ7, NA-105). They have booked two places at the east coast of each island to have a free shot into Europe. The group will run two stations consisting of 2x IC735, 1x IC706, 2x TY 900 Linear Amp. 900W, a Titanex V80 E, a Hexbeam 5 Band Yagi, a R7 vertical as well as two fiberglass rods with plenty of wire. Modes will be CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. The activation from St. Maarten (PJ7) will also count for lighthouse WLOTA 0711. QSL via DL7DF through the bureau or direct. [Tnx DL7DF & F5NQL]

04/03/2006: Braco, OE1EMS, and others plan to be active from Austria in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL direct only to OE1EMS. [Tnx NG3K]

04/03/2006: Alfredo, WP3C, plans to be active from Puerto Rico (IOTA NA-099) in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via W3HNK. [Tnx NG3K]

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AWARDS -

3 diplomas of the Suisses castles have been just created.
For the moment the payments are in Italian, but soon in English and French. I can QSP on request the Italian payments.
All the castles are indexed with photographs and often histories on 2 sites, which represent a remarkable work.
Ticino Castle List: http://www.swisscastles.ch/Tessin/default.htm
Swiss Castle List: http://www.swisscastles.ch/aviation/default.htm
In addition there is also an information Yahoo-group, to which you can be registered.
Good luck with these new castle diplomas. [Tnx F6FNA]

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73 and Good Hunting!
Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ

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